

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to have their stations air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and corporate electioneering.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. I would hope any overt corporate electioneering, for either party, would be prevented by current law. Can you investigate this decision by Sinclair Broadcasting and if warranted, prevent their interference in the election process. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line, less fair and unbiased reporting and less factual information which we need for the sustenance of our democracy. Instead of something produced at some corporate "spin center" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, and implement fair media practices policies. It also shows why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.